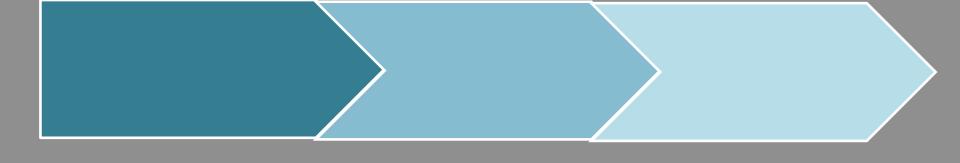
# In Transition: The Rise of the Sharing Economy



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#### **Impact**

#### Policy

What is the sharing economy and how will it grow?

How will it shape our economy and lives?

How will policymakers respond?

#### ECONOMY

**Sharing Peer to Peer (P2P)** 

**On-demand** 

Gig

Freelance Collaborative

#### **VALUES**

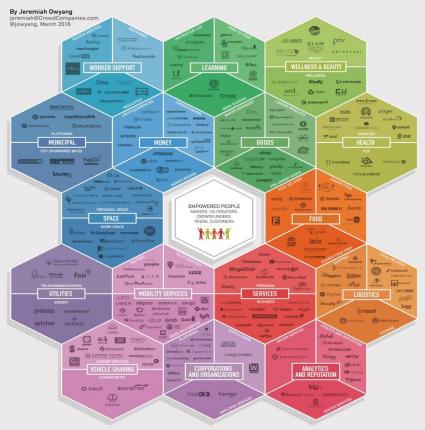
Sharing over ownership
Community over corporations
Work flexibility

#### **Collaborative Economy Honeycomb Version 3.0**

The Collaborative Economy enables people to get what they need from each other. Similarly, in nature, honeycombs are resilient structures that enable access, sharing, and growth of resources among a common group.

In the original Honeycomb 1.0, six distinct categories of startups were represented by the inner track of hexes. After a short period of time, Honeycomb 2.0 expanded to include six additional categories, placed on the outer perimeter.

In the new Honeycomb 3.0, four hexes are added on the corners of the graphic for a total of sixteen; Beauty, Analytics & Reputation, Worker Support, and





#### \$335 Billion 2025



\$15 Billion 2015

**72%** of Americans have used some type of shared or on-demand service.

1 in 5 Americans have used 4 or more shared or on-demand service.

5% of European consumers used a shared service in 2015.

#### **USER PROFILE**

Under 35

Educated

Higher income

Connected through mobile technology

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#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Mobile apps
Real time location services
Seamless payment systems

### TRUST Users rate providers Providers rate users



### Economy for a New Era?

Growth > Impact

#### **AGRARIAN**

Local

Nobles/pheasants

Bartering of goods/services

Reliance on community

Apprenticeships

Rural towns and villages

Growth > Impact

#### INDUSTRIAL

Corporation oriented Hierarchal

Physical currency buys goods/services

Production and accumulation Government social programs

Growth > Impact

#### COLLABORATIVE

Global
Peer to peer
Lattice

Virtual currency buys goods/services Consumption over ownership

# Employer/Employee Relationship

#### **Employees are entitled to:**

Minimum wage

Overtime

Anti-discrimination

ADA accommodations

Workers' compensation

Unemployment

Health insurance

FICA contributions

...Independent contractors are not

#### **Economic dependence tests:**

- 1.) Degree of control exerted by the alleged employer over the worker;
- 2.) Workers' opportunity for profit or loss;
- 3.) Worker's investment in the business
- 4.) Permanence of the working relationship;
- 5.) Degree of skill required to perform the work
- 6) Extent to which the work is an integral part of the alleged employer's business.

#### Its up to the court....

Fedex ruled drivers independent contractors in some states and employees in others;

Class action suits filed against transportation networking companies have settled (O'Connor vs. Uber and Lavitman vs. Uber);

US Department of Labor's Administrators Interpretation No. 2015-1

Fundamentally, we are using a twentieth-century test to classify workers in the twenty-first-century economy.

~ Robert Sprague, University of Wyoming

#### **Future Policy Directions**

Dependent contractor: A contractor whose work is central to the business of a firm.

Independent worker: A worker who interfaces with an intermediary to serve customers or performs work.

Individual worker accounts: Individuals have a benefit account which entitles them to certain benefits (UI, WC, PTO, etc.) Firms would pay into the account based on the individual's usage.

#### **Principles**

Independent

Flexible and pro-rated

Portable

Universal

Innovation

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